

Q1. Is the fellowship a full-time appointment? Or is the commitment based more on projects and events that the fellows would be involved in?

The Fellowship is a full-time position, and Fellows are expected to work 40 hours per week in their host offices. Fellows will be placed in a national ministry in their own country. The work for each Fellow will be developed in collaboration with their national Ministry supervisor and will reflect both the needs and interests of the host office as well as the skills and interests of the Fellow.

Fellows cannot continue to work for another organization while serving as a Fellow unless approved in writing by the host institution during the course of the Fellowship. Outside commitments such as ongoing research should be postponed until after the completion of the Fellowship or conducted during non-working hours. Previously, the fellows usually take a hibernation leave from the current work. Any leave or absence is subject to agreement with the host institution.

Q2. As I am currently still pursuing a Ph.D. in Singapore while my home country is Indonesia, will I be required to relocate to Indonesia for the fellowship?

The ASEAN S&T Fellowship indeed will place the fellows in their own home country. Fellow will be placed in relevant line-ministry or other government bodies. It is also possible to place fellow in ASEAN Bodies/entities that relevant with their field. The fellowship aims to encourage appropriate talent and application of scientific inputs into policy making in S&T ministries and promote a more cross-sectoral approach to applying evidence and data for evidence-based policymaking in their government.

Q3. What ministry in my country would be the successful applicant be working with?

The fellowship could take place in line ministry/government agencies/ASEAN entities that are related to the fellow's focus of work. For example, a fellow in climate change was placed in Ministry of Environment and Forestry, a fellow in STI Policy was placed in Ministry of Science and Technology, a fellow in Renewable Energy was placed in Ministry of Energy and Mines. This matching process will be facilitated by the ASEAN Secretariat, ASEAN Foundation and ASEAN Committee on Science and Technology (COST) Member in each ASEAN countries.

Q4. Currently I am working in food & beverages multinational company in Jakarta. Could I apply for this opportunity?

Yes, you could apply. We really welcome applicants from industries and the private sector.

Q5. I am Lao but I am working in Cambodia as a researcher. Am I eligible to apply for this fellowship?

Yes, you are eligible as long as you are ASEAN nationals.

Q6. Are ASEAN scientists living outside ASEAN eligible to apply?

Yes, they are eligible as long as they are ASEAN nationals.

Q7. I am a researcher come from NON-ASEAN nationals. Am I eligible?

No, you are not eligible. Unfortunately, at the moment the fellowship is targeted for ASEAN citizen.

Q8. Where I can find the application link and necessary link for further more information?

<http://www.aseanfoundation.org/news/the-asean-science-and-technology-s-t-fellowship>

Q9. I am a lecturer in a government universities and I am considered as a government employee. Will you consider my superior from this university as a recommender working in government?

Yes, a more senior university lecturer that is considered as a government employee could be a referee in this matter.

Q10. Should one of the recommendation come from any person in the government or the person who work in Ministry of Science?

One of the recommendations is preferably obtained from someone who works in the government or civil society organisation. If it is from the government, this could be obtained from someone from any government organisation, not necessarily from Ministry of Science. But this recommender should have known and worked together with you.

Q11. I am Vietnamese and working in Singapore. Is it possible for me to apply for this Fellowship because I am currently working in Singapore (not Vietnam)? Do I need to work for my home country (Vietnam) in order to apply?

Yes, you are eligible to apply as long as you are ASEAN citizen. You will need to go back to your home country as the fellow will be placed in their line ministry. Whether fellow can be placed out of their country, for example in ASEAN secretariat or other ASEAN bodies, is possible and could be our consideration.

Q12. I would like to ask if this assignment will be self-arranged or will be facilitated by the ASEAN Foundation. If the former, is it required to clearly express in my application that I already secured a placement within the DOH? I am guessing that the suggested recommendation letter coming from a person working in government should come from the agency that I plan to be immersed in and to work with.

The fellowship arrangement will be facilitated between the ASEAN Foundation and ASEAN Secretariat with the respective line ministries/host institutions. The respective ministries in each country will do the selection process of the shortlisted candidate. Regarding the recommendation letter that needs to come from the government sector, it could come from ANY government area, not necessarily from the targeted agency.